



February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we meditate on the Psalm.

Prelude

Little Prelude Nr 1 in C Major, BWV 560
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

Introit

“Come, Let Us Worship”
Music: Mark Patterson

IPC Singers
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

*Call to Worship

Manuel Constam

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

People: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

*Hymn of Praise #356 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Words: Robert Robinson; Tune: Nettleton (#355)

*The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical, p. 14)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #579** “Glory Be to the Father”
Words: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

“Your Word Is a Lamp”

Melody: Rolf Schweizer

IPC Singers

Children’s Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children are dismissed to their special program.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:33-40 (p. 618)

Manuel Constam

Meditation

“Lord, Here Am I”

Music: John Ness Beck

IPC Singers

New Testament Reading

John 1:35-42 (p. 1064)

Sermon

“The Making of a Disciple: The Calling of Peter”

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Hymn of Response** (Insert) “Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

Words: Cecil F. Alexander; Tune: Pleading Savior

GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

The Lord’s Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Warren Schenler, Adult Education &
Retreats Elder

Offertory

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Words and Music: Peter Scholtes; arr. Gerald Moore

IPC Singers

Ruth Pfister, Piano

The congregation is invited to sing along for the refrain.

“And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

***Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Warren Schenler

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Words and music: anonymous

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Choral Benediction

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Music: Jody W. Lindh

IPC Singers

Postlude

Fugue II from Toccata septima

Georg Muffat (1653 – 1704)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly.

***Please stand if you are able.**

Today’s bulletin cover features Sieneese painter Duccio di Buoninsegna’s *The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew* (c. 1308-1311).